

WE ARE ONE NEWSLETTER

October

Holland Township Public Schools

Greetings Holland Families,

At Holland Township, we have been working hard to ensure that our school culture is safe, supportive, and inclusive for every student. We want our students to thrive, not just academically but socially and emotionally as well. Over the past few weeks, we have had impactful meetings with students—particularly our middle school students—focusing on how we can all lead with respect and foster a stronger sense of community.

Additionally, we've engaged our teachers and staff in important conversations about creating supportive and empowering classroom environments. These conversations have been essential in building classrooms where every student feels seen, heard, and valued.

Parent Meetings Coming in November – By Grade Level

We know that a strong school community is built with the involvement of parents, teachers, and students working together. In November, we will be hosting parent meetings by grade level to discuss what we've been working on and how you can partner with us to continue building a positive culture here at Holland. These meetings will provide an opportunity to:

- Share updates on what we've been working on with students.
- Discuss ways parents can reinforce the values of respect and empathy at home.
- Hear your thoughts and ideas on building an even more supportive school environment.

Dates are as follows:

Grades K-4 November 11

Grades 5 and 6 November 14

Grades 7 and 8 November 21

All Meetings will take place at 7pm

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Introducing: The Hero In Me Initiative

We are also thrilled to introduce The Hero In Me a new program launching this month that encourages students to recognize and embrace the qualities of leadership, kindness, and courage. Throughout the year, students will explore monthly themes that align with values we are building in our school community. As part of the program kickoff, we've asked students to bring in pictures of three of their heroes—people who inspire them and show them what it means to be a hero in everyday life.

These pictures will be used in a classroom activity where students can share about their heroes with their peers. They will also become part of our “Hall of Heroes” display, reminding all of us that everyone has the potential to be a hero in their own way.

We believe this initiative will help students see that every act of kindness and respect makes a difference—and that they, too, can be heroes within our community.

We Are ONE, Together

We are grateful for your continued support and partnership as we build a school environment where every student feels respected, valued, and inspired to grow. We are ONE—one school, one community, working together to ensure that every child feels safe, supported, and empowered.

We are looking forward to seeing you in November and continuing this important work together.

With appreciation,
Michael Spence